

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

Diebold's proposal is insane for the citizens to seriously consider. In reference to the legally defined phrase, "Paper Ballots": that quoted phrase is the only thing that should be seriously considered by legislators and/or California government officials. I do not object to the electronic counting of "Paper Ballots" provided that random auditing of "Paper Ballots" is done to eliminate any Election Fraud, or perceptions of it, whatsoever. I propose random auditing of at least 10% of all "Paper Ballots" cast in each election, auditing to be done immediately after a random selection, and without any prior notification or warning to districts selected, in order to check for deliberate fraud or counting error.

Central tabulator aggregated results, as well as any and all code used in any vote counting systems must be subject to examination by any citizen, groups of citizens, and government officials in an open, public manner; this specifically means "open-source" software must be part of any agreement with voting-system vendors. Diebold must be required to divulge their software's source code to all the people if they wish to sell their machines to any voting districts, cities, counties, states, or nations. If they do not agree to release their source code, government officials need to find other vendors who will whether they be companies, organizations, or groups of citizens and programmers. This will allow for inexpensive technical assistance without needing to hire an overpaid representative of the selected vendor in order to analyze code issues, "Paper Ballot" counting and tabulation errors, or even outright Election Fraud.

Fraud and error 'of any kind' must not be allowed to undermine the integrity and intent of each citizen's vote cast on Paper Ballots, nor the centrally tabulated and aggregated results of all citizens who voted in any given election. Aggregated and tabulated results MUST accurately reflect the intent of all voters in any election.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.